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**MANCHESTER MAN SENTENCED TO
TEN YEARS FOR CRACK COCAINE SALES**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced that Shaun A. Chase, age 31, of Manchester was sentenced today to 121 months in federal prison for distributing crack cocaine in Manchester in July 2001. In addition, United States District Court Judge Joseph DiClerico ordered the defendant to serve three years of supervised release after the completion of his prison sentence. Mr. Chase had pleaded guilty on May 29, 2003.

The defendant was indicted in November 2002, as part of Operation Streetsweeper, a federally funded law enforcement effort to target and prosecute street level drug dealers in federal court.

Commenting on the sentence, U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "Career criminals like Mr. Chase should be warned that they will pay a high price if they choose to sell drugs on the streets of Manchester."

The case was investigated by the Manchester Police Department with the assistance of the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clyde R. W. Garrigan.